

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. – 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein flowing a flowable material includes flowing a bone cement slurry through the second implant such that said bone cement slurry is able to cure to substantially interconnect said second implant and the selected bone portion.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising:
selecting the second implant to include a conduit, said conduit includes at least a bore and an aperture defined by said second implant;
wherein flowing a flowable material includes flowing the flowable material through said bore and said aperture;
wherein said flowable material is able to exit the second implant through said aperture to substantially interconnect the second implant and the selected bone portion.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising:
interconnecting the second implant with the first implant to substantially hold the first implant relative the second implant.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein interconnecting the first implant with the second implant includes threadably engaging the second implant with the first implant.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein passing said second implant includes at least one of sliding, driving, pushing, and combinations thereof.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of fixing a first implant relative to a selected bone portion with a second implant, the method comprising:

positioning said [[a]] first implant relative to the selected bone portion in a primary procedure;

passing said [[a]] second implant relative to a selected portion of said first implant;

providing a conduit through said second implant to direct a flow of a flowable material through said second implant to assist in fixation of said second implant; and

connecting a removable connector to said second implant during a revision procedure; and

flowing the [[a]] flowable material through said second implant and through said first implant during the revision procedure ~~at a selected time to~~ interconnect said second implant with the selected bone portion;

~~wherein said selected time is during a revision procedure.~~

25. (New) A method of fastening an implant to a bone with a fastening device, the method comprising:

positioning the implant relative to the bone during an initial procedure;

securing the implant to the bone with the fastening device during the initial procedure;

connecting a removable delivery device to the fastening device during a revision procedure;

injecting a flowable material through the fastening device and into the bone using the removable delivery device; and

detaching the removable delivery device from the fastening device.

26. (New) The method of Claim 25, wherein said injecting a flowable material includes injecting bone cement.

27. (New) The method of Claim 25, wherein said connecting a removable delivery device includes connecting a ring portion of a conduit of the removable delivery device to an annular depression of the fastening device to connect the delivery device to the fastening device.

28. (New) The method of Claim 25, wherein said securing the implant to the bone includes driving threads of the fastening device into cooperation with threads of the implant.

29. (New) A method of fastening an implant to a bone with a fastening device, the method comprising:

positioning the implant relative to the bone during an initial procedure;

inserting the fastening device through a bore in the implant and into the bone to secure the implant to the bone during the initial procedure;

connecting a removable delivery device to a head of the fastening device during a revision procedure;

injecting a flowable material through an internal bore in the fastening device that extends from the head of the fastening device to a body portion of the fastening device, the flowable material exits the body portion through an aperture in the body portion; and

detaching the removable delivery device.

30. (New) The method of Claim 29, wherein injecting a flowable material includes injecting bone cement.

31. (New) The method of Claim 29, wherein said connecting a removable delivery device includes connecting a ring portion of a conduit of the removable

delivery device to an annular depression of the head of the fastening device to connect the delivery device to the fastening device.

32. (New) The method of Claim 29, wherein said inserting the fastening device through the bore includes threadably engaging threads of the fastening device with threads of the bore.